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Selling point. Robert Crozier of Levittown has taken his job search to the streets. The substitute teacher and counselor says traditional methods were just not working.

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Robert Crozier holds a sign advertising his degrees and asking for a job during the rush-hour commute at 30th Street Station. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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WHAT'S THIS GUY WITH A SIGN THINKING?

Robert Crozier has taken his job search to the streets. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Philadelphia. A Levittown man has a novel approach to finding work. He put his résumé on a sign that he carries around in public.

Have you seen that guy in a suit holding a sign at 30th Street Station? He's 36-year-old Robert Crozier of Levittown, and he needs a job.

He needs it so bad that he's spent four days this month hanging around the train station from 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., armed with résumés and his trusty sign, approaching bustling folks with a smile and his story.

He owes $62,000 in student loans while trying to provide for his wife, 5-year-old daughter, and 1-year-old son.

After more than 30 unsuccessful school counselor interviews, the desperate substitute teacher with a master's in counseling psychology from Holy Family University thought outside the classroom.

And his strategy seems to be working. CEOs, recruiters, and curious passersby have given him business cards, résumé advice, and follow-up emails.

You can follow him on Twitter at @Guywithasign1 and check out his website www.guywithasign.com.

How did you come up with this plan?

Crozier: "Two years ago after being frustrated with so many interviews yet no permanent positions, I talked to my wife about doing something different to get noticed. I thought about wearing a suit and holding a sign at busy public location, but never acted on it because I wasn't sure where to stand in the city. But about a month ago I scrolled through my newsfeed and read about a marketing grad who did the same thing, only at a train station in London. And it worked for him."

What did your wife think?

Crozier: "She took it with a grain of salt. But I don't think she ever doubted me. The morning I left, she said she was proud of me."

What did you expect that first day?

Crozier: "I didn't anticipate a reception. I was going out there to meet people. But I've been pleasantly surprised with how much the public cares. I've received unsolicited emails and Facebook messages and lots of 'good lucks.'"

Do your students know about your off-the-clock gimmick?

Crozier: "A couple teachers came up to me about it. A couple students recognized me, too. It's like the local celebrity kind of thing, but I don't care about that. I'm just grateful for the publicity.

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Want to work

As of December 2014, unemployment in Philly is at 6.6 percent and statewide at 5.2 percent — the lowest since 2008.

- Nationwide, unemployment is at 5.6 percent.
- However, some analysts say the numbers don't tell all — because some long-term unemployed give up looking and leave the labor force, while others are "underemployed" at part-time jobs.

Quoted

"I'm not asking for money. I'm ready to interview on the spot. ... I'm just asking for an opportunity to earn my way."
Crozier

Jack Frost. Deep freeze brings snow, ice and hazards to area

Temperatures Monday were expected to rise above freezing, after a deluge of snow and hail combined with freezing temperatures Sunday, icing roads and leading to multiple accidents.

PennDOT urged motorists to keep speeds below 45 miles per hour Sunday as conditions worsened.

In Tom's River, New Jersey, a pickup truck drove on to a frozen river after midnight on Sunday. It was found at 10 a.m. with a dead dog inside. Two men were being questioned, 6ABC reported.

Icy roads helped trigger a two-car crash on Route 206 in South Jersey around 2 p.m. Sunday that injured at least eight people. No critical injuries were reported.

In Philadelphia, a car spun out on Kelly Drive and crashed into a light pole and tree around 3:30 p.m. Sunday. No injuries were reported.

At about 4:10 p.m. a minivan spun out and hit a tree while driving on State Road in Delaware County.

The driver reportedly sustained broken bones.
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Pennsylvania

Wolf orders Green out of SRC

School Reform Commission (SRC) chairman Bill Green has been ordered to leave his post by Gov. Tom Wolf, the Inquirer reported Sunday night.

Green voted to approve five new charter schools at an SRC meeting two weeks ago, despite orders from Wolf not to approve any new charters.

Green told the Inquirer he will fight the move.

Bill Green
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Wolf will name SRC member Marjorie Neff, who voted against approving any charters, to replace Green, the Inquirer said.
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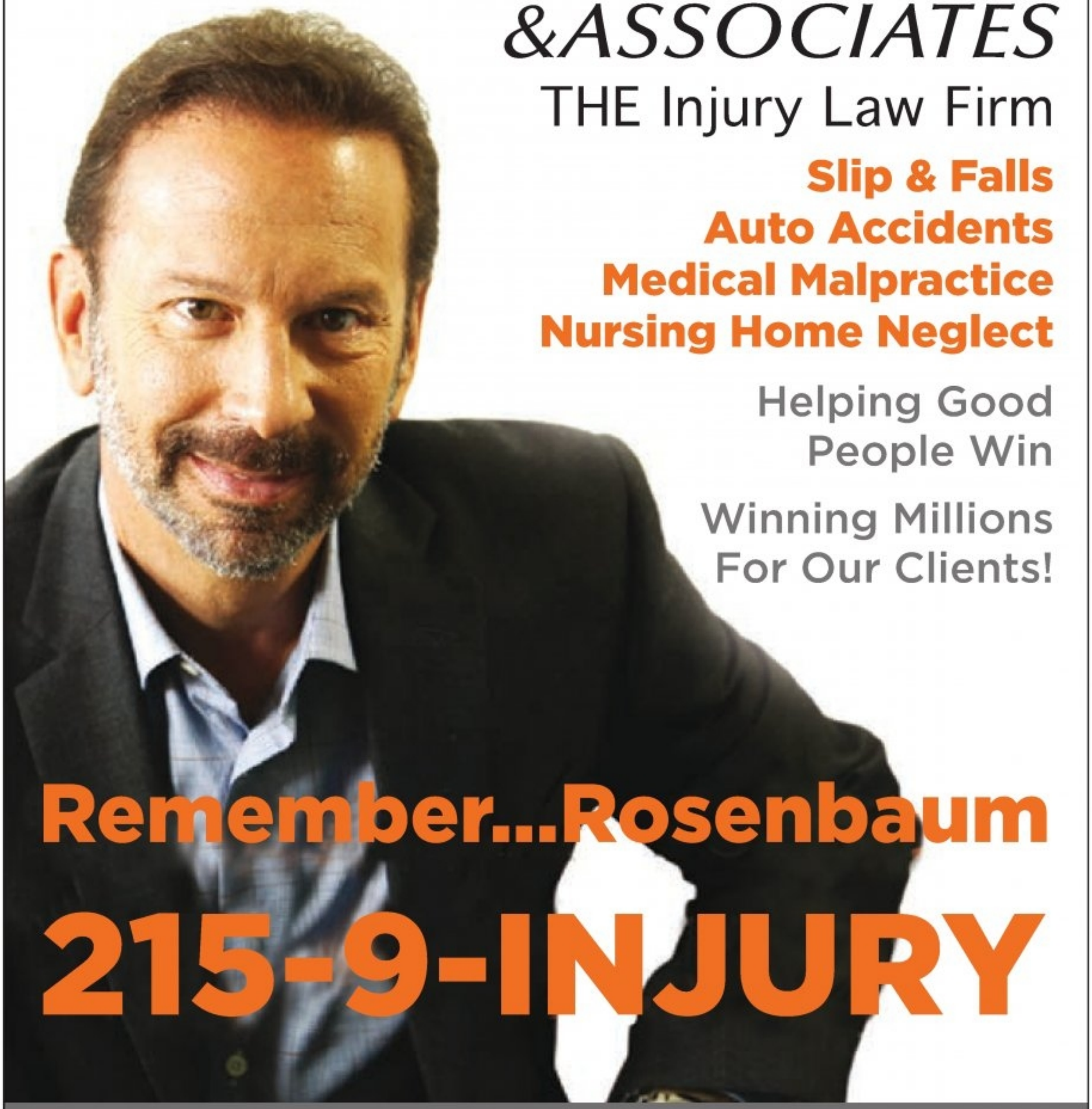

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IT'S NOT EASY BEING THE GOP

Street talk

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As the Muppets said, it's not easy being green.

This thought has relevance today because we're creeping up on May 19, the date of the primary election in which Philadelphians will pick their party's candidate for mayor.

And almost inevitably, the Democrats' pick becomes mayor. The question today is: Why can't the GOP field a real challenger?

We asked a few Republican leaders about the party's status — and can you believe it? — ducking the question was the order of the day.

In truth a blind man riding by on horseback could figure this one out.

Philadelphia is called home by 776,585 registered Democrats, according to voter registration records.

As for Republicans, there are 112,189 of them, which would be a wonderful number in Elk County.

Democrats thusly outnumber Republicans by nearly 7 to 1.

And that is the reason.

Joe DeFelice, executive director of the Philadelphia Republican party, and the only prominent Republican who would talk on the record about the party's candidate problem, agrees the number of GOP voters in one of two reasons.

The other is the money factor.

DeFelice figures it would cost about $3 million for the party to put on a credible campaign. Just so you get the complete picture, Mayor Michael Nutter, now finishing his second term, raised nearly $8 million to win in 2007.

"I mean it's an uphill battle. It's tough," DeFelice said.

Ever the optimist, DeFelice says his task is to convince a wide swath of the population – presumably including many of the 776,585 Democrats – that they should vote Republican.

DeFelice figures he has two big issues that could drive registered Democrats to vote against their party: taxes, a GOP perennial, and corruption involving Democrats.

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He's got plenty of fuel: Former state treasurer Rob McCord resigned in January and pleaded guilty last month to extortion for using his office to pressure donors for campaign contributions.

Former state Rep. J.P. Miranda pleaded guilty in January to abuse of office for hiring his sister as chief of staff and concealing her employment by funneling her pay through a "ghost employee."

Last year, a grand jury recommended criminal charges against Democrat Attorney General Kathleen Kane over allegations she leaked confidential documents from a 2009 grand jury investigation.

Philadelphia DA Seth Williams, a Democrat, charged former Traffic Court judge Thomasine Tynes, and state Reps. Ronald G. Waters and Vanessa Brown, all Democrats, with accepting illegal gifts from an undercover operative leading a corruption sting. None has denied the charges.

And also last year, former Democratic state Sen. LeAnna Washington resigned after pleading guilty to conflict of interest charges for making her taxpayer-paid staff plan her birthday party.

Unfortunately, DeFelice is pinning his hopes on four Republican candidates who are hardly household names. There's Elmer Money, who works in health care and finance; attorney Rhashea Harmon; Sean Clark, vice-president of a nonprofit; and Melissa Murray Bailey, a businesswoman.

A footnote: The last Republican mayor of Philadelphia, Bernard Samuel, was elected in 1944 and 1948.

Not even the optimistic DeFelice was willing to give us odds on that happening this year.

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Man killed in Mantua

Police say a man was fatally shot Saturday night in Mantua, just blocks from the Philadelphia Zoo and Drexel University campus.

The victim, 27, who has not been identified pending family notification, was found on the street near 37th and Aspen with multiple gunshot wounds to his chest and legs at 11:07 p.m., police said.

Officers from the 16th district transported the man to Presbyterian Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at 2 a.m. Sunday.

No motive was released and no arrest was reported.

The city of Philadelphia offers a standard $20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator in this and all homicide investigations. METRO

Tate-Brown. Advisory board backs up cops

Brandon Tate-Brown / PROVIDED

A Police Advisory Commission review of evidence in the Dec. 15 shooting death of 26-year-old Brandon Tate-Brown indicates a witness heard Tate-Brown acknowledge he had a gun.

Family and friends have argued that Tate-Brown, who had served five years in prison on a previous conviction, would not have fought with police or have carried a gun.

Brian Mildenberg, the lawyer for Tate-Brown's family, said the commission's report is wrong and that no witness ever saw a gun or heard Tate-Brown acknowledge he had a gun.

Their report says Tate-Brown then struggled with officers, broke free, struggled with them a second time and fled to the door of his car, where he was fatally shot by officers.

The officer who pulled the trigger was cleared of departmental violations. The DA's office is still reviewing the case.

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"While these details add to our collective knowledge, many questions about the incident ... remain unclear."

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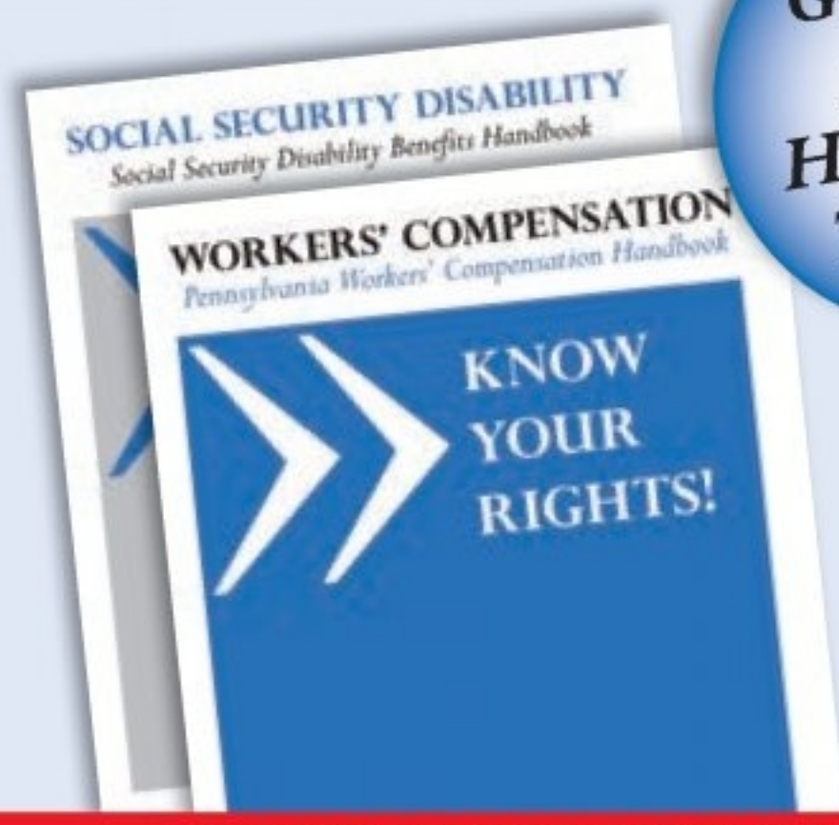

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Five things you need to know

1 Homeland Security funding drama darkens fiscal outlook

Congress narrowly averted a partial shutdown of the U.S. domestic security agency late on Friday night, but the forces behind the chaotic episode remain — fractious Republicans and House Speaker John Boehner's lack of control over them.

That may portend more serious trouble ahead as Washington confronts fiscal challenges on a grander scale. In five to seven months, the federal debt ceiling will again be reached, and by October Congress must pass spending bills to keep the government running in the new fiscal year.

Failing to deal effectively with these issues could have much more damaging repercussions — such as a broad government shutdown or a debt default — than a partial shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

A Department of Homeland Security K-9 squad / GETTY IMAGES

What happens between now and then, including the handling of a one-week extension of Homeland Security funding, will be crucial. Some conservatives speak of ousting Boehner, but it is unlikely they can muster enough votes, while others made clear on Friday that they were willing to take big risks to score ideological points. REUTERS

2 New Internet rules set up industry's next battle

New rules that aim to protect the openness of the Internet will allow telecom and cable groups to prioritize and earn potentially vast income from some types of data, setting up likely clashes with regulators in the future.

Telecom companies such as AT&T and Vodafone have convinced U.S. and European regulators, finalizing so-called "net neutrality" rules, to allow them to dedicate network capacity to services such as providing connectivity to driverless cars and facilitating the exchange of medical data between patients and health professionals. REUTERS

3 March in memory of Putin critic

Tens of thousands of Russians marched through central Moscow on Sunday, carrying banners declaring "I am not afraid" and chanting "Russia without Putin" in memory of murdered Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov.

Families, the old and young walked slowly, with many holding portraits of the opposition politician and former deputy prime minister who was shot dead while walking home from a nearby restaurant on Friday night.

The authorities have suggested the opposition itself may have been behind his shooting in an attempt to create a martyr and unite the fractured movement.

His supporters have blamed the authorities. REUTERS

4 Boehner defends his leadership amid conservative unrest

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, having suffered an embarrassing rebuke at the hands of conservatives in his own party, played down any risk to his continuing leadership on Sunday, saying disagreements with fellow Republicans were merely over strategy, not goals.

Asked if he could lead the House, Boehner said, "I think so. I'm not going to suggest it's easy, because it's not." REUTERS

5 Samsung unveils s new Galaxy phones

Samsung Electronics unveiled its latest Galaxy S smartphones featuring a slim body made from aircraft-grade metal, in a bid to reclaim its throne as undisputed global smartphone leader from Apple Inc.

Designed from scratch in an operation dubbed "Project Zero", the Galaxy S6 and its curved-edges variant are critical for Samsung's plans to reverse plunging smartphone revenues that led to its first annual earnings fall in three years in 2014. REUTERS

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Emwazi was part of network linked to failed UK bombers

Court papers. They offer a fleeting glimpse of Emwazi's life in London before he left for Syria.

British newspapers / GETTY IMAGES

Islamist militant Mohammed Emwazi was a member of a network in contact with one of the men convicted of trying to bomb the British capital's underground railway in 2005, according to the government.

The man dubbed "Jihadi John" has fronted Islamic State videos from Syria that showed either the killing or bodies of victims including British, U.S. and Japanese citizens and Syrian soldiers. U.S. security sources last week identified the man as Mohammed Emwazi.

The British government's view is set out in court papers, reviewed by Reuters and publicly available on the Internet, which refer to 2011 and 2013 British legal hearings concerning two of Emwazi's London associates, known only as Iranian-born "CE" and Ethiopian-born "J1."

Court papers

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They show that authorities thought Emwazi was part of a network that numbered at least 12 people.

The court papers show that Emwazi was known to Britain's security services as early as 2011 and that they believed he was part of a group involved in procuring funds and equipment "for terrorism-related purposes" in Somalia.

One of the same network's members, "J1," spoke on the phone with Hussain Osman, one of the men convicted in connection with an unsuccessful attempt to blow up the London underground in 2005, on the day of the failed attack itself, the papers show.

British Islamists killed 52 people in an attack on London's transport network on July 7, 2005. Another group of Islamists — of which Osman was one — tried and failed to pull off a second attack two weeks later. REUTERS

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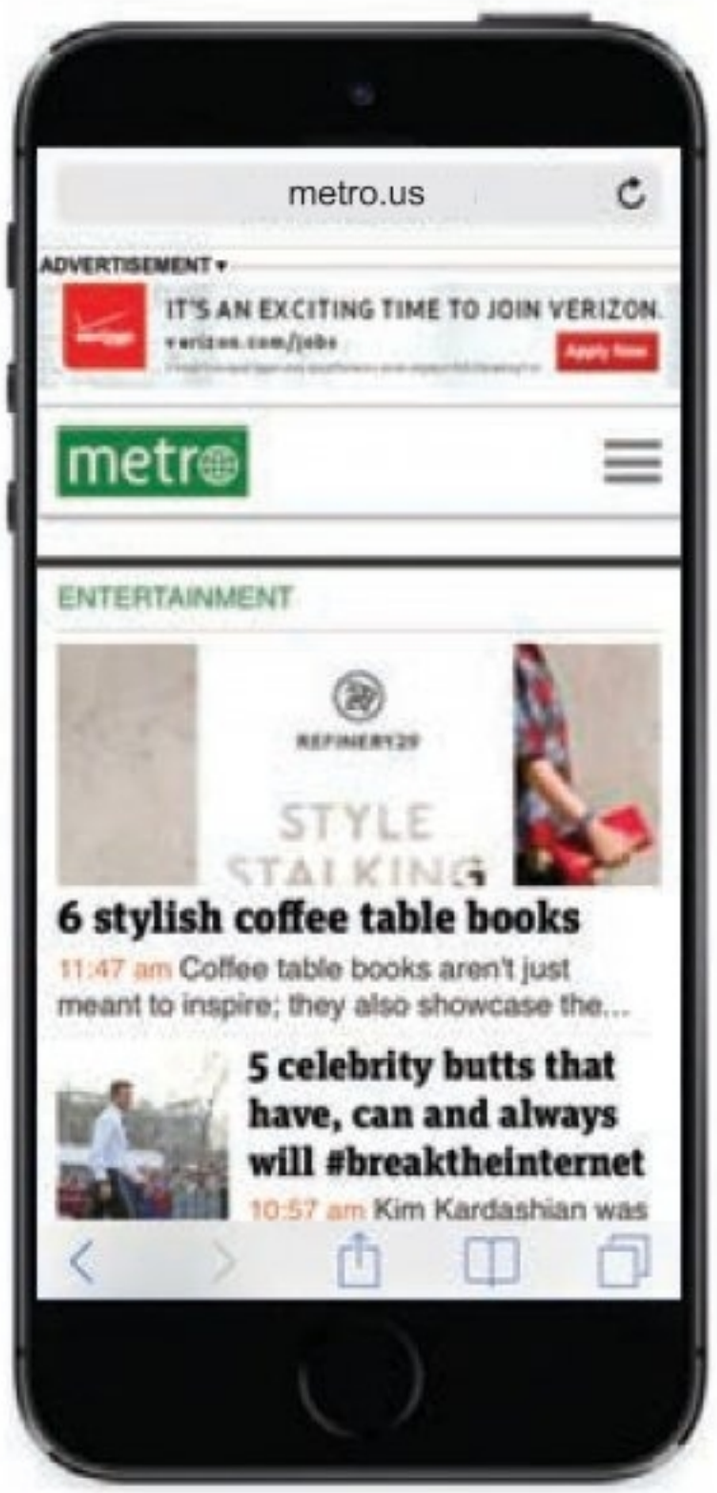

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ISIS. CCTV shows UK schoolgirls in Istanbul on their way to Syria

Security footage appears to show three British schoolgirls, believed to be on their way to join Islamic State militants, waiting for hours at a bus station in Turkey before traveling to a city near the Syrian border.

British police and the girls' families have issued urgent appeals for their daughters to return home after they flew to Istanbul from London on Feb. 17. Friends Amira Abase, 15, Shamima Begum, 15, and Kadiza Sultana, 16, are thought to have since entered Syria.

European governments have called on Turkey to stem the flow of foreign fighters to Syria, and British Prime Minister David Cameron has urged social media firms to do more to deal with online extremism, saying the girls appeared to have been radicalized "in their bedrooms."

The CCTV pictures, dated Feb. 17 and Feb. 18, are from Bayrampasa bus station on the European side of Istanbul, which the girls reached by metro from the airport, Milliyet newspaper said, citing police sources. REUTERS

Quoted

"The last five who have traveled were aged 15 and 16, so this is a growing problem and it is one of real concern."

Helen Ball, deputy assistant commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, told BBC TV.

Females

60

British police said that about 60 young women and girls were now believed to have traveled to Syria from Britain, including about 22 in the last year.

Iraq launches offensive on ISIS near Baghdad

Iraqi army fighters prepare before an operation against Islamic State. / GETTY IMAGES

Battle. Troops and fighters from Shi'ite militias have been mobilized for campaign against Islamic State.

Iraq's army and Shi'ite militia have launched a long-awaited offensive against Islamic State in Salahuddin province, a stronghold of the radical Islamist fighters north of Baghdad, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said on Sunday.

The ultra-radical fighters control several strongholds in the mainly Sunni Muslim province of Salahuddin, including Tikrit.

They also hold other towns on the Tigris River, north of the government-held city of Samarra which Abadi visited on Sunday.

"The prime minister and armed forces chief ... announce the start of the security campaign to liberate Salahuddin," a statement issued by Abadi's office said as he met military leaders in the province, where thousands of troops and militia have gathered for battle.

In comments broadcast on Iraqi television, Abadi said the Islamist militants would be pushed out of all of Salahuddin and offered their supporters a final opportunity to hand themselves in. "I call upon all those who have been deluded and made mistakes in past to lay down arms today," he said.

"This is their last chance. If they insist on staying on their wrong path they will receive the fair punishment they deserve because they ... stood with terrorism." REUTERS

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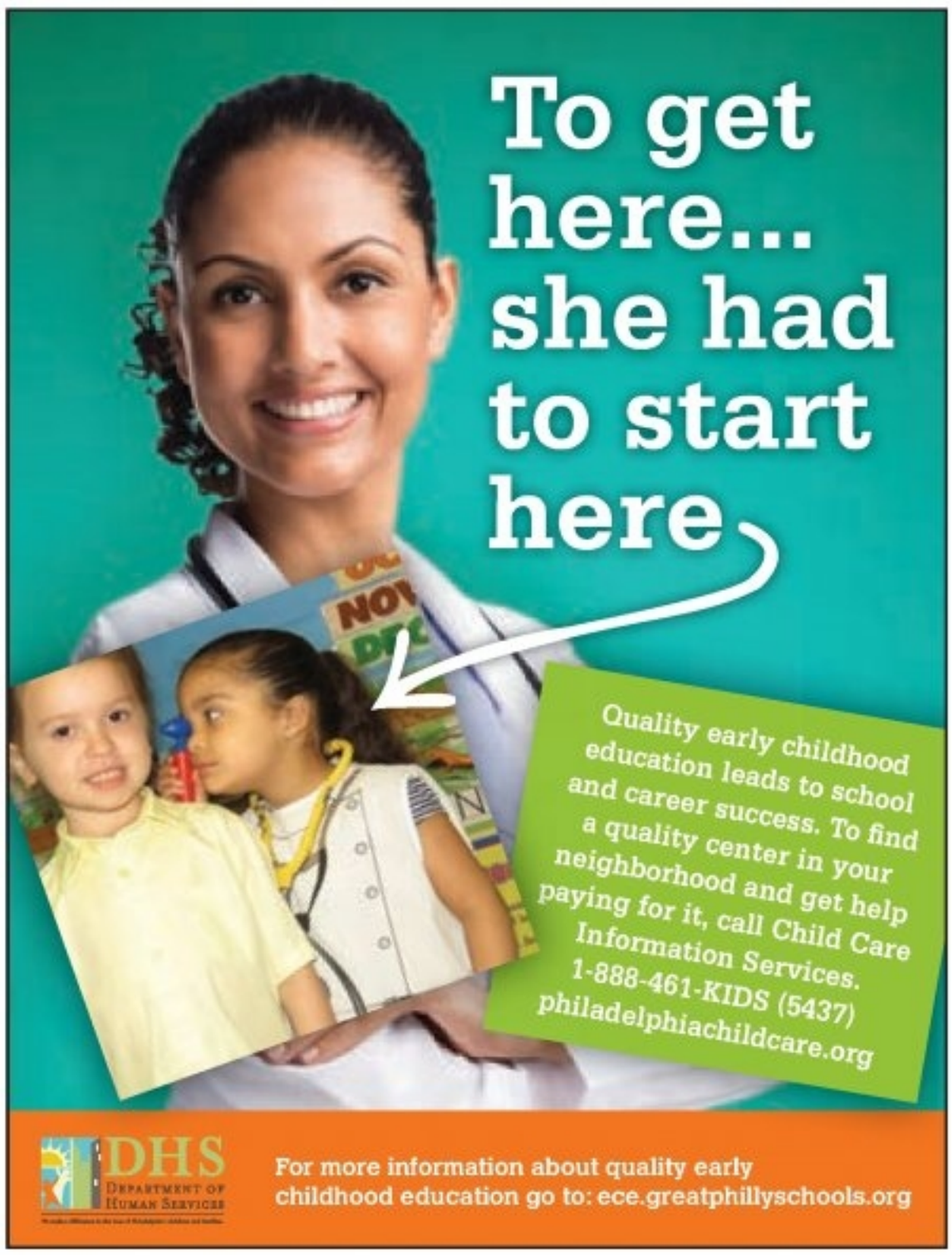
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Interview with Chitra Panjabi.
Women's equality is 'complex'

Raised in Hong Kong, and the daughter of Indian immigrants, Chitra Panjabi is vice president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) based in the U.S. She explains what her role involves, as well as status of women's rights in society. Metro talks with her.

Overall, what is the status of women worldwide?
Unfortunately, women are still unequal in much of the world, including developed countries. There are several major factors that have an impact on women's equality, including violence, rape and sexual assault; a lack of access to education for girls in many parts of the world; a lack of access to affordable reproductive health care; pay disparities; a lack of family-friendly and women-friendly policies in the workplace; the devaluing of work done primarily by women such as domestic work and caregiving work; and inadequate political representation and leadership to name just a few. The work that our organization, NOW, does (in the U.S.) addresses many of these issues.

What priority should work to improve the situation of women?
Achieving equality is complex, and prioritizing one issue over another is difficult because so often these issues are all interrelated. However, if we must start somewhere, we should at least acknowledge that one in three women, globally, will face some kind of violence or sexual violence in her lifetime. We need to recognize as a global community that personal safety and security are some of the most basic needs women should have. Additionally, making sure that women have bodily autonomy to make decisions for themselves about whether or children, how many and how far apart is necessary in ensuring their independence and equality. When women aren't able to make decisions about their reproductive health care or are in situations of violence and/or sexual assault, that has a huge impact on their economic security as well. **DANIEL CASILLAS, METRO WORLD NEWS**

Chitra Panjabi / METRO WORLD NEWS

This is the first in a Metro series leading up to International Womens's Day on March 8.

Question

In your view, what is the region where women live better and why?

I believe that there are different policies in different countries that make women's lives better, but there are always issues regarding women's equality no matter where you live. We shouldn't have to compare regions and decide it's better for women to live here versus living elsewhere. We should be working to ensure that no matter where you are in this world and no matter your gender, that as a woman you are treated equally in your society and under the law.

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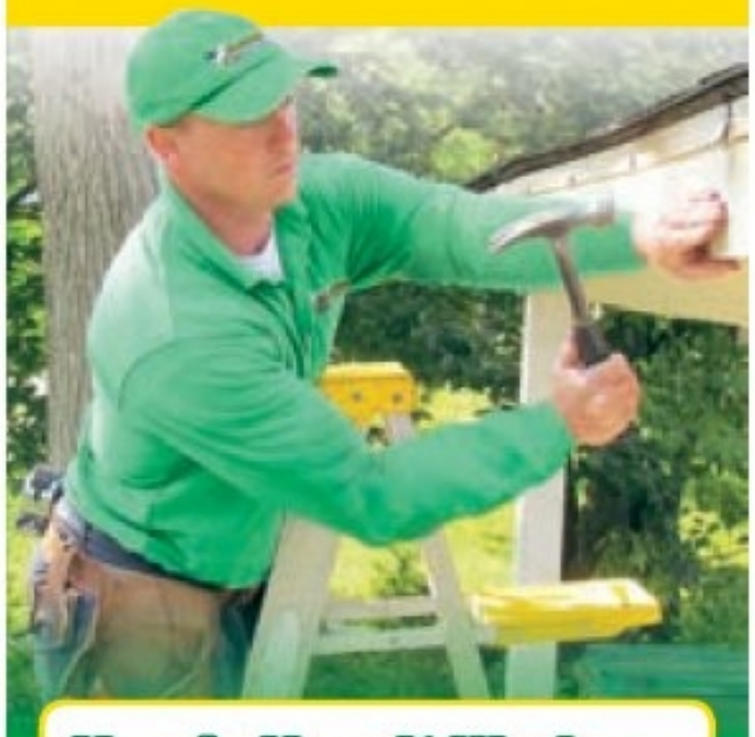

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Today, Bette Midler wants you to celebrate, Karen Gillan is watching Oscar nominees, Ricky Gervais is working on new slogans and Solange Knowles knows what she likes.

@BetteMidler: Surely it's SOMEONE's birthday?! Make a day of it and have a blast, with love from the Divine...

@karengillan: Whiplash. Woah.

@rickygervais: Twitter: Where people come to miss the point and then get angry about it.

@solangeknowles: But really, my hubby and I watch Chicago Step videos at least once a week...as well as send them to each other and smile:)

Kid Rock's Instagram under siege by Beyonce fans

Kid Rock is learning the hard way that you do not want to cross Beyonce — or her legion of fans. Rock had some pretty unkind things to say about the "Single Ladies" singer's musical legacy and physical attractiveness during a rant to Rolling Stone: "Beyonce, to me, doesn't have a f—ing 'Purple Rain,' but she's the biggest thing on Earth," he says. "How can you be that big without at least one 'Sweet Home Alabama' or 'Old Time Rock & Roll'? People are like, 'Beyonce's hot. Got a nice f—ing ass.' I'm like, 'Cool, I like skinny white chicks with big tits.' Doesn't really f—ing do much for me."

Charming as always. So what did Beyonce's fans do? Descend on Rock's Instagram account and flood the comments of countless photos with bee emojis. It's actually kind of beautiful, but still probably more attention than Rock deserves.

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Daily video

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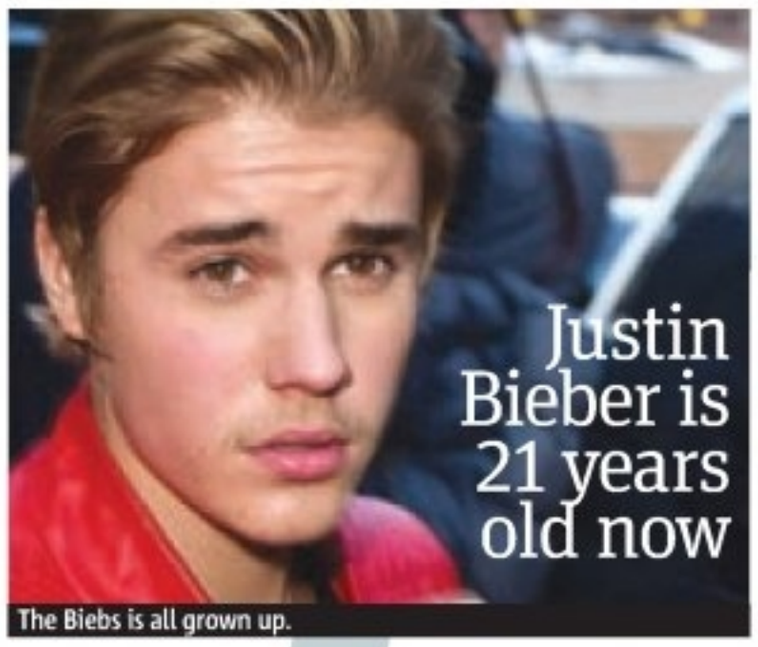
The 'SNL' ladies embrace the power of honesty

The latest all-girl digital "SNL" short, "Say What you Want to Say," explores the elation and joy you can feel when you stop being polite and start getting real, whether it's a random run-in on the street or an awkward cocktail party. Right on, ladies.

Justin Bieber is 21 years old now



The Biebs is all grown up.

Look out world, Canada's crown prince of obnoxiousness is really, truly not a kid anymore. Justin Bieber celebrated his 21st birthday over the weekend with numerous exuberant Twitter updates. Oh, and a huge house party, filled with sprinklers and 50 Cent hits. Now that he's come of age, Bieber will have to find some new reason to get kicked out of U.S. nightclubs, but I'm sure he'll think of something. He's very resourceful.

Michelle Rodriguez is sorry for something again

Michelle Rodriguez wants us to write our own mythology and stare at her cat. TMZ.COM

What is Michelle Rodriguez apologizing for this time? Oh, just a little rant to TMZ outside a restaurant about the trend of updating comic book superhero characters with non-white actors. "That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard," Rodriguez said to a question about whether she would be playing the Green Lantern. "Because of this whole, like, 'minorities in Hollywood' thing, it's so stupid. Like, stop stealing all the white people's superheroes. Like, make up your own. You know what I'm saying?"

Apparently not enough people did actually know what she was saying, because Rodriguez quickly took to Facebook with a video apologizing for her comments and adding a bit of clarity to the idea she was, like, trying to get across. "I guess it got taken out of context because a lot of people got offended or whatever," she says in the iPhone video shot in her bed, a cat curled up beside her. "Ultimately at the end of the day there's a language, and the language that you speak in Hollywood is successful franchises. I think there are many cultures in Hollywood that are not white that could come up with their own mythology." She also says something about the Fountain of Life and calls turning white characters black "lazy." So … we're all good now?

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Olivia Wilde: 'The Logic Police'

Interview. The actress talks about sticking to the rules on "The Lazarus Effect" and acting while 8 ½ months pregnant.

Olivia Wilde plays a doctor who comes back from the dead in "The Lazarus Effect." / RELATIVITY MEDIA

Olivia Wilde has played computer programs ("Tron: Legacy") and an alien (in a movie for which this would be a spoiler), but in real life, she's unusually personable, talkative and friendly. She gets to play both sides of the fence in "The Lazarus Effect," a low-budget horror film in which she's a brilliant scientist experimenting with a serum that can bring the dead back to life — one that winds up being used on her when she's accidentally killed. Horror ensues.

You've said you're very analytical when it comes to scripts. How did that apply to this project?
Even for a movie like this, I tend to get really analytical with the material. My nickname on a few films has been "The Logic Police." Even with this film, where logic seemingly should not count, I still held everyone to the rules we established. That's how I view films. When I watch something, I will buy anything. Any kind of story you want to tell me, I'm happy to watch — as long as it's consistent with the rules you lay out.

A lot of horror films about scientists tend to be anti-science, but this tries not to be.
We didn't want it to seem horribly irresponsible of them. It clearly comes from a passionate place. If you think about how much has been developed in the last 50 years, it's insane. Triple bypass surgeries happen on a daily basis today; we're used to hearing about people surviving. If you went back and told your great-grandparents that, they'd think you were insane. The idea of a Lazarus serum is not completely off base. We imagined it would be used to keep someone alive or bring them back to life as they flatline during a surgery, let's say — you just need them to stay alive so you can finish the procedure.

A project like this probably leads to some freaky research.
YouTube is always a place where I wind up in deep, deep holes at four in the morning. You can find anything there. I watched a lot of surgeries, I read a lot about the concept of bringing someone back to life versus keeping people alive, about extending life. I read a few dozen cases of people who flatlined during surgery and came back and what they claimed to have experienced.

Does that interest come from your five years on "House"?
Yeah. I really love learning about medical technology, and I have such respect for doctors. They're superheroes.

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OLIVIA WILDE
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Bonus question

Acting while with child

"You can't tell when you watch the movie, but there were three shoots we did where I am 8 ½ months pregnant," Wilde tells us. "It was kind of awesome because my emotions were so close to the surface. I felt capable of anything, any human emotion, from misery to rage to extreme happiness. ... Since having my son, I feel I'm a better actress. But yeah, I was doing some shots with this huge belly. You'll notice me sometimes saying my lines over my shoulder in a weird way. That would be why."

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Joe Lynch: Welcome to the new Hollywood

Film. The "Everly" director tells us about VOD pre-releases, piracy and how to get ahead in the modern entertainment world.

Joe Lynch directs Salma Hayek on the set of "Everly." / RADIUS-TWC

"Everly," which sics Salma Hayek and her guns on a bevy of baddies, is now in theaters and on VOD. In fact, it was on VOD a month before theaters. The man who directed it, Joe Lynch, has mixed feelings about that and the way movies are seen today.

On embracing VOD: "My first movie was a direct-to-video film, so I know what that stigma is. But we live and die based on word of mouth and social media. And let's be honest, no one's really going to a theater now unless it's a huge tentpole, four-quadrant blockbuster. For most smaller films, theaters are almost becoming window dressing at this point. Ultimately the movie is going to live on the cloud, in someone's home."

On piracy: "Back in the day when you used to pop in a VHS tape or a DVD and it would give you the giant FBI warning, there was the fear of God put into you before you even watched the movie. Now none of that applies, so if you can get away with it, great. But if you want to feel good about supporting the artist and you want to get the best version of it — not a compressed version of a compressed version of a compressed version — it only costs you six bucks."

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"Back in the day when you used to pop in a VHS tape or a DVD and it would give you the giant FBI warning there was the fear of God put into you before you even watched the movie. Now none of that applies." Lynch

Torrenting doesn't help sales: "I've heard the argument about torrenting that it's good for word of mouth, but when they're counting numbers and considering the filmmaker's next endeavor, if the numbers from the profits are not there, it's going to hurt that film. Every buyable legal click does count because they are watching.

The ultimate downside: "A lot of money goes into these things, and if there's no return on investment, there's going to be no more movies that are made like this. They're only going to go with the safe bets, and as much as I love superhero movies, it can't just be about those."

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One more thing

Joe Lynch's hirsute filmmaker tradition

Lynch has a tradition: From the moment his films have a release date announced until that day arrives, he doesn't shave. "The day that it premieres, I can finally sheer off this massive Sasquatch-ian beard and make myself feel young again by going, 'Oh yeah, that's right, I used to be a little kid who used to love movies. That's why I do this,'" Lynch says. "Not, 'Oh my God, is it a f—ing Bigfoot sighting?' But it's gotten unruly." He sheered his face last Friday.

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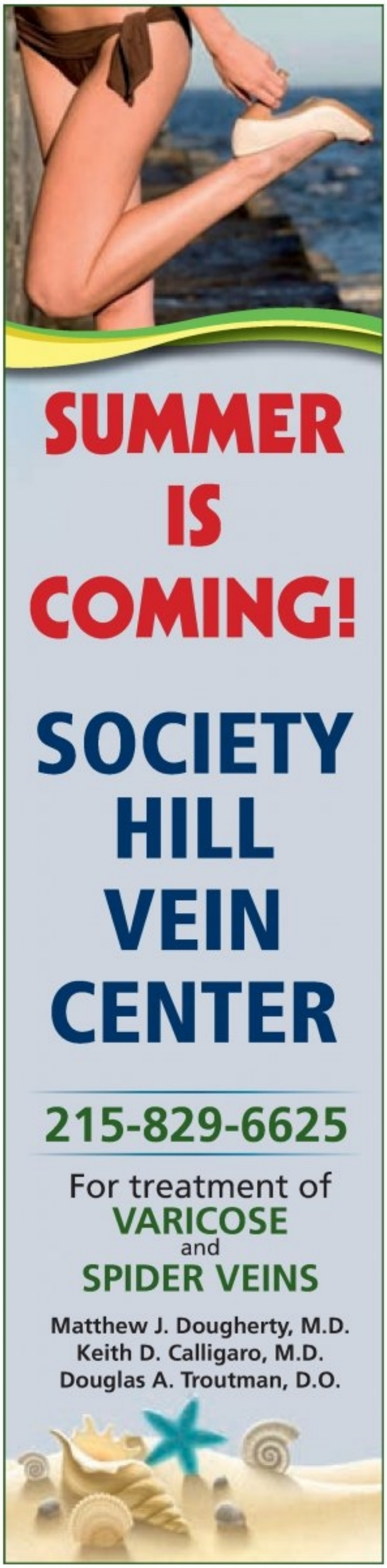

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Aydian Dowling: ‘See the life I live’

Body image. The transgender model tells us about his journey to this photo.

You may find the photo to your right familiar. Adam Levine snapped an identically posed photo with his ex-girlfriend Anne Vyalitsyna in 2011. But this remake of the famous snap in FTM magazine is different because the model, Aydian Dowling, is transgender.

Dowling spoke to Metro about his experience re-creating a photo of the music industry’s alpha male and what that means for the trans community.

How did you end up doing this shoot?
Jason Robert Ballard, who runs FTM, asked for me to be on the cover, and he showed me a photo of Adam Levine naked and said he really wanted to recreate the photo. I’ve put up pictures of me shirtless, and he said, “I see similarities; I want to re-create this photo. How powerful would that be for a trans man be naked next to [a photo of] Adam Levine, and you couldn’t tell the difference? What a way to kind of change everyone’s assumption of what a trans man is supposed to look like.” I’m a pretty vulnerable guy, so I was a little nervous about it. I asked my wife how she would feel, and we thought the cause was better than the insecurity.

What was it like?
It was cool. A little nerve-wracking. Even though I was naked in front of other people, I covered up until the actual shot was taken, so that was definitely interesting. It was fun. Who wouldn’t want to be given an opportunity to say something and have it be heard?

How long did it take for you to feel comfortable in your own skin?
I think that being comfortable with myself happened before I was comfortable with my body. So when I first decided that was how I truly identified and that’s what I connect with, within a few months of coming out and having support from my friends and family, I felt like I was worth living a life, even if it was a transgender life. With the hormones, after a year or two, I was able to recognize the guy in the mirror. The body was starting to match the mind, so I had to build a confidence in that body, and that kind of happened through just putting myself out there on YouTube and allowing people to see the life I live and finding other people in the same situation. Top surgery made me feel more comfortable with my body, and I like to weight-train and live a healthy lifestyle, and that forces you to get comfortable with your own body.

Just another guy

How does a project like this help change perceptions about trans people?
Shoots like this just kind of normalize transgender people and tackle someone’s uninformed and uneducated guess on what a trans person would look like, and they think, “Wow, I could be sitting next to a trans person on the subway, or the guy who opened the door for me could have been trans.” We’re no different than any other person in society. It’s just trying to be comfortable with the idea that the body you’re born with doesn’t reflect the identity that you have.

“I couldn’t be happier with the positive response,” Dowling says of the reaction to his photo. / PROVIDED

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Life outside of modeling

Dowling, 27, is based in Eugene, Oregon, where he heads up his own company, Point 5cc, which makes clothing for the transgender community and its supporters and donates some of its profits to help offset the cost of sex-reassignment surgeries. And because we know you’re wondering, sorry, ladies — Dowling has been happily married for three years.

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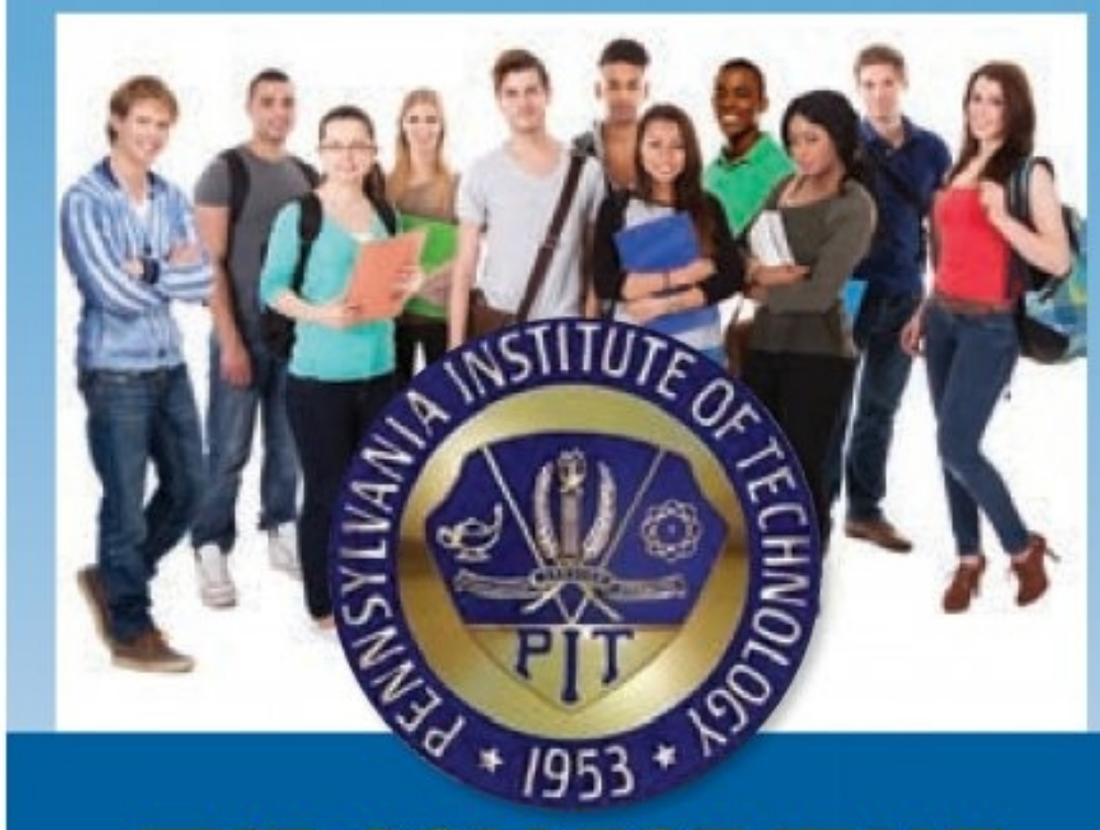

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Tips for finding a highly paid, quality internship

At a great internship, interns are treated like employees. / ISTOCK

Planning. Don't let summer sneak up on you.

Before you know it, this horrible winter will be over, spring (and all your allergies) will be back, and you'll need to start seriously thinking about your summer plans. So instead of hanging out in your dorm room, why not take the time to apply to some internships?

If you're not sure where to apply, look no further than Glassdoor's list of the 25 highest rated internships in the United States. We spoke with Glassdoor's Career Trends Analyst Scott Dobroski about the list and asked him the big questions about what internships are the most valuable and who gets the best ones.

What makes an internship great?

"There's really three common themes that stand out when we look through the reviews shared by interns at all of these companies. Number one, the interns talk very favorably about having real-world and hands-on experience. Number two, they talk about working with dedicated and very smart colleagues, and number three, they talk about exposure to executives and upper management.

"When you look at these three things, the theme that they sum up is that interns at these companies are being treated in the same way as any full-time employee. They're valued, they're given tasks, and they're given deadlines and real work to do."

How much are these interns getting paid?

"At some of these companies, interns do get paid quite handsomely. At Google and Facebook, and some of the other tech companies in particular, interns do get paid upwards of $6,000 per month."

Glassdoor's highest rated internships

The former interns surveyed rated these companies the best:

- Facebook
- Chevron
- Google
- Quicken Loans
- eBay

Extracurricular activities

What do companies look for in prospective interns?

"What matters most to the intern hiring manager is not necessarily seeing a Harvard or Stanford on the résumé, although that can't hurt. If you've had some success on your own in your own pet project, that's what they care about the most."

What majors do these interns have?

"Most of the interns do study in related fields. For a lot of these tech software, engineering or data science internships, we do see a lot of them studying statistics and certainly computer science.

"However, a lot of these companies — even oil and gas companies, tech consulting or professional services — need interns in a variety of roles in marketing, in business development, in human resources and in public relations."

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Don't let a career setback derail you

Snyder received a gold medal for winning the men's 400m freestyle during the 2012 Paralympics. / GETTY IMAGES

Dealing with adversity. A Paralympian shows how to move on.

Naval veteran Brad Snyder distinctly recalls the moment he realized that his life would never be the same. It was just after he was wounded during an IED attack in Afghanistan with injuries that would leave him permanently blind.

"I remember waking up in the hospital and thinking, 'When I dream, I can see. I can walk around just fine, but when I wake up, it's dark again,'" Snyder says.

During his recovery, a nurse asked Snyder if he liked sports and suggested that he consider training for the Paralympics. A member of the swim team during his time at the Naval Academy, Snyder decided to return to the sport and ended up winning two golds and one silver during the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.

While most readers will not have to recover from setbacks as extreme as Snyder's, he stresses that there are universal lessons to be learned from his experiences.

We caught up with Snyder shortly after a recent speech he made at New York University as part of Deloitte's "Road Show with Team USA."

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Be humble

"I've had the good fortune that the way the Navy works is that you are thrown into the fire right away," says Snyder. "I have been the laughing stock of every joke. I've made so many mistakes that I can't even count them. ... It's important to remember that success is often the fourth or fifth attempt."

Accept that unfair things happen

"Crappy things are going to happen to everyone," Snyder points out. "We're all going to face adversity. ... Embrace your circumstances and realize that you can make things change."

Try not to think of the past

"Dwelling on the negatives, dwelling on the stress, dwelling on the uncertainty — none of these are going to get you anywhere," says Snyder. "Focus on the positives, focus on personal development."

Quoted

"Elite performance is the same, no matter what the venue. ... Being virtuous, persevering, all of these virtues are the same no matter what field you are talking about."

Résumés. The most overused buzzwords you find on LinkedIn

How can you make your résumé stand out? / ISTOCK

Are you a driven and passionate professional who is motivated to use your extensive experience in your future position? You are not alone.

In fact, the good folks at LinkedIn have revealed just how unoriginal that description is. The business-oriented social networking site recently released the 10 most overused buzzwords, used in over 332 million profiles worldwide. "Motivated" and "passionate" topped the list, with "expert" coming in at No. 10.

Catherine Fisher, LinkedIn Career Expert, suggests that now is a perfect time to do a bit of a profile overhaul and start weeding out the most popular buzzwords from your profile. "But don't go to your trusty thesaurus and replace one buzzword with another lackluster adjective," Fisher writes in a blog post. "Rather, include examples that illustrate how you're motivated. How did your motivation ultimately drive business results?"

Job seekers should be particularly thoughtful about their word choices. Remember, the more you use a buzzword, the more meaningless it becomes. LAKSHMI GANDHI

Words to avoid

2014 Global List: Top 10 Most Overused LinkedIn Buzzwords

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♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
A great deal or job opportunity is apparent. Don't hesitate to promote your ideas to as many people as possible.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Look at the big picture. Putting too much emphasis on unimportant details will obstruct your vision and hinder your ability to get ahead.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Don't try to follow the crowd. Your uniqueness will be more visible if you stand on your own. Concentrate on the goals that matter.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Don't be gullible. If you rely on others to supply the facts, you will be intentionally misled. Research will put you in a good position.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Your intuition is strong. You will come across a rare opportunity. Don't hesitate. Make your plans and prepare to celebrate. Add a little romance to the mix.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Be careful not to jeopardize your position at work by spending too much time on personal matters. Get your responsibilities done.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Education and communication are highlighted. The more information you gather, the more marketable you will become. Neighbors will turn out to be valuable.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Unleash your free-spirited nature and engage in creative pursuits. Joint ventures or partnerships will not run smoothly.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You will be intrigued by a joint venture. Offer your services, not your money. Delays will wreak havoc on your plans.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You will be disappointed by someone close to you. The more understanding you are, the easier it will be to fix any dilemma.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Resiliency and courage will help you overcome adversity. Regardless of the roadblocks, if you keep moving forward you will make strides. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Nimoy inspired viewers

I have read with much sadness, the news that Leonard Nimoy has passed away. This brings a tear to most Trekkies like myself who grew up with the adventures of "Star Trek." In the '60s, Leonard Nimoy portrayed with such dedication the respected and revered character of Mr. Spock, a role that would make him famous. Space — the final frontier — has lost another good soul. The Starship Enterprise lived on in the 1970s with a number of "Star Trek" conventions, one of a number I attended. At one, I met Leonard Nimoy/Mr. Spock, and he read to us some of his published poetry, which we enjoyed very much. I found him very personable and kind to have spoken to me. Now the rest is history and Nimoy, as Mr. Spock, had a career where no man has gone before. He was an actor, writer, poet, director, singer and the list goes on. Everyone of us Trekkies loved him for helping to create such an interest in space exploration — that was just awesome. In Nimoy's last tweet he said, "A life is like a garden, perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory."

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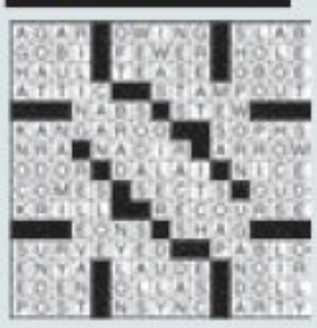

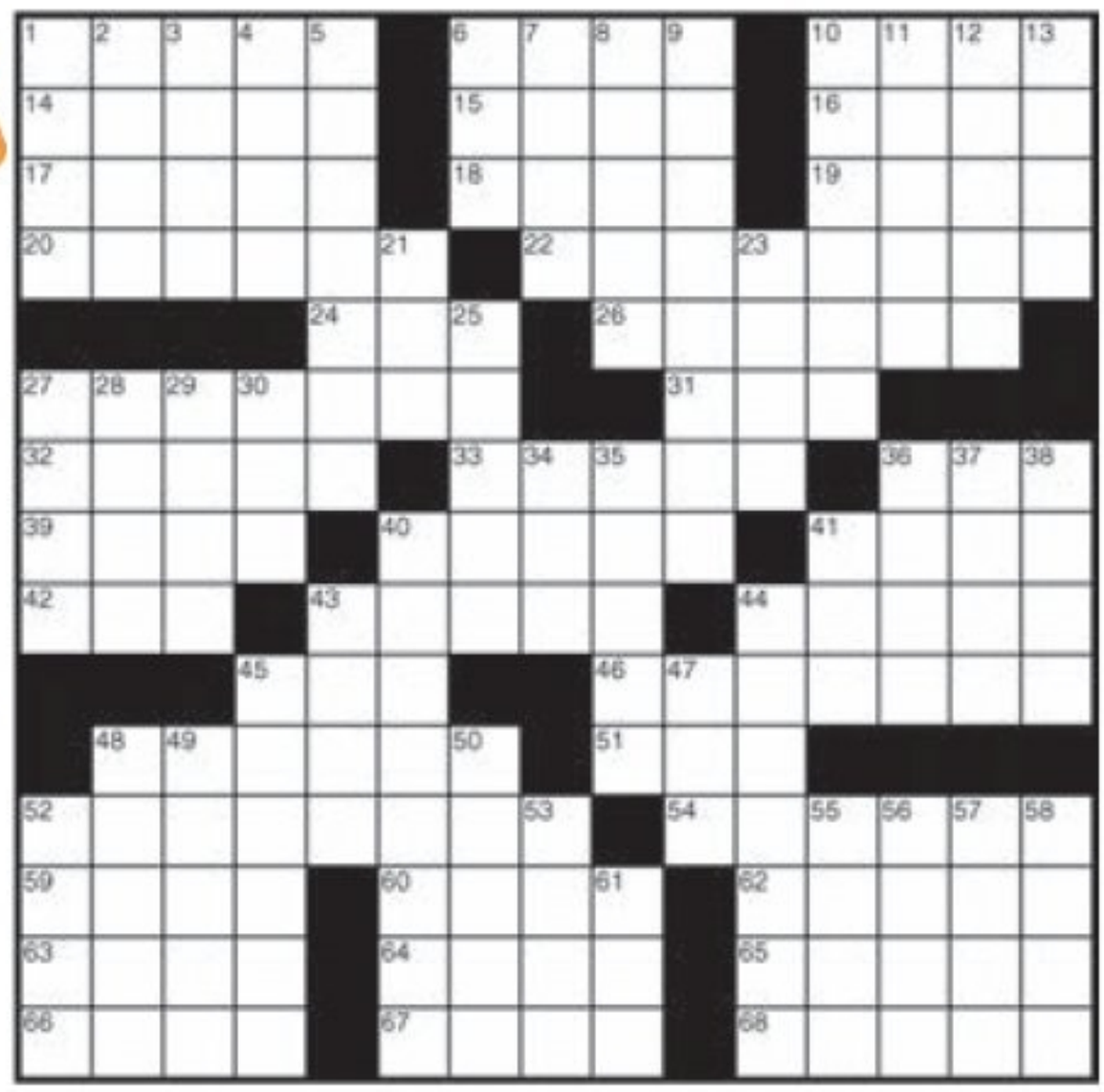

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The real Del Zotto?

NHL. Philly took a flyer on Michael Del Zotto this offseason, and it's finally paying off.

Michael Del Zotto collected eight of his 25 points during the month of February. / GETTY IMAGES

When Michael Del Zotto went top shelf on Rangers goalie Cam Talbot on Saturday night, his short-handed goal would wind up being the game-winner, and potentially a season saver for the desperate Flyers.

They are a team that was supposed to be better, and they finally are. It's a trend that reflects Del Zotto's development on an individual level.

"I think his first few years he did a good job and put up some good numbers and then whatever happened in New York," Flyers coach Craig Berube said. "But this summer he was committed, and he came into camp in real good shape, and he definitely wanted to prove something."

After bursting on the scene with the Rangers a few years ago, "something went sour," as Del Zotto put it to reporters, and he was traded to the Predators at the end of last season.

But the Flyers inked him to a contract before 2014-15, expecting him to return to form. And though it's taken a while, he has become a top-line defenseman for Philly on a defense that has glaring weaknesses.

"I think he's a highly confident player for sure," Berube said, "but I think the one thing we stressed here and stressed it with him is you have to play good defense, and he's done that."

A win against a top divisional team and rival like the Rangers helps, but the Flyers are still six points behind the Bruins for the final playoff spot.

They're still alive, and Del Zotto will play hard every shift until the Flyers are statistically eliminated from contention.

Quoted

"We win our games, that's the only thing we can control. We can't control what other teams are doing." Michael Del Zotto

"It's the best time of year when you're competing for a playoff spot," He said. "It's a ton of fun and we were excited after the win tonight."

The 24-year-old and his teammates can't help but scoreboard watch as the stretch run continues with a home date against the Flames Tuesday. But there's nothing he can do about the Bruins (and Panthers, also in the hunt for the final spot).

"If we take care of our games that's all we can do," Del Zotto said.

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3 SPORTS

Inauspicious start

Phillies lose to college team

No the headline isn't a misprint, the Phillies fell 6-2 to the University of Tampa to open their spring training slate of games at Bright-house Field Sunday. Outfield prospect Aaron Altherr had two hits and an RBI in the loss. They play the Yankees Tuesday.

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What to expect from the Flyers at the NHL's trade deadline

NHL. The Flyers are just barely in the mix for a playoff spot, and will likely be sellers prior to Monday's deadline.

When Ron Hextall was promoted from assistant general manager to general manager of the Flyers shortly after last season ended, he pointed out that he favors building a Stanley Cup caliber team through the farm system, and especially the draft.

It's what he saw work perfectly while helping build the L.A. Kings into champions as an assistant GM before rejoining the Flyers front office.

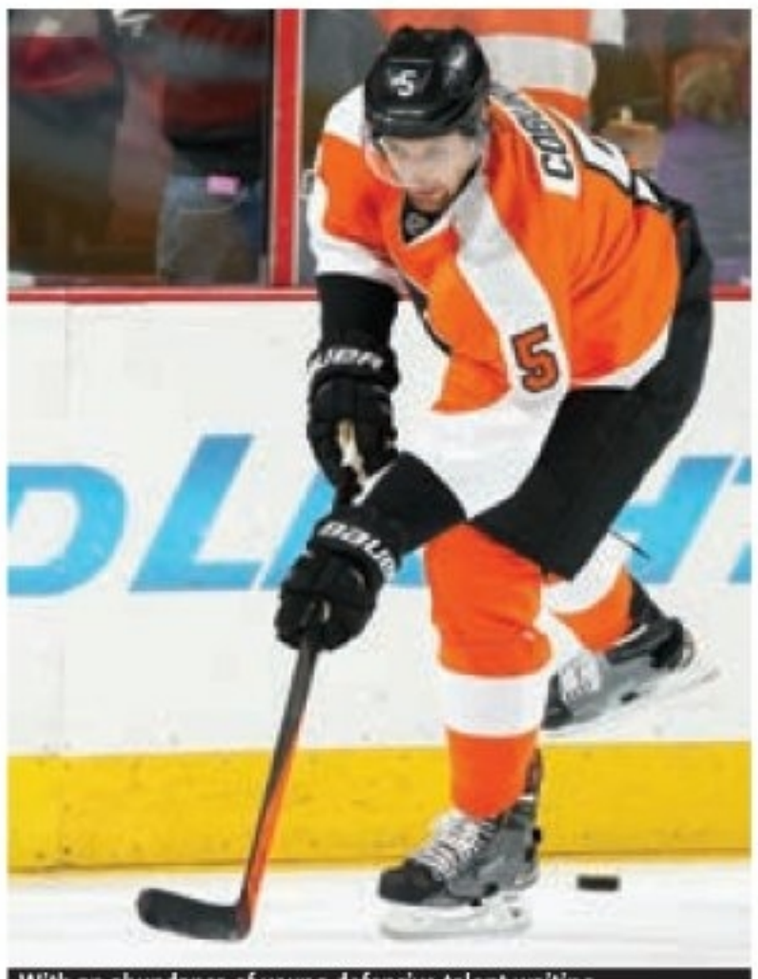
"I like young players and I like draft picks," he said at the press conference on May 7 when he was named GM.

His stance hasn't wavered one bit since.

"If the right deal comes along for now and for the future, we'll make it," Hextall told reporters in the middle of February. "If it doesn't, obviously we won't. We'll do everything we can to get into the playoffs short of selling off younger assets."

So despite their recent playoff surge — albeit failing to pick up crucial points against some of the worst teams in the Eastern Conference the last two weeks — don't expect the Flyers to be buyers before Monday's trade deadline to bolster a late-season run.

If Hextall can add a piece that can help this season without subtracting any promising players or picks, he will pull the trigger. More than likely, though, expect the Flyers to be sellers.



With an abundance of young defensive talent waiting in the wings, Braydon Coburn could be on his way out. / GETTY IMAGES

Hextall already got a head start on the process, too. He dealt veteran Kimmo Timonen to the Blackhawks on Friday for a second-round draft pick this year and a conditional pick that could turn into another second or third-round selection in 2016.

And he might not be done. Even with Timonen's departure, there is a glut of defensemen (eight) on the roster and at least one might be moved.

The prime candidates are Braydon Coburn and Nick Grossmann, with Michael Del Zotto, Luke Schenn and Carlo Colaiacovo as possible trade bait.

Coburn and Grossmann, who left Saturday's game against the Rangers with an upper body injury, fit the bill better because they are both signed through next season at somewhat high but reasonable rates, would be top four defensemen on most Cup contenders and net the Flyers another decent draft pick and salary cap relief.

That kind of return — just like the one for Timonen — won't help the Flyers this season, but it would no doubt continue to help fill Hextall's vision for the future.

Quoted

"It's a time of year where you have to listen and you have to assess anything that's kind of thrown your way, and look at today and look at tomorrow and make hard decisions."

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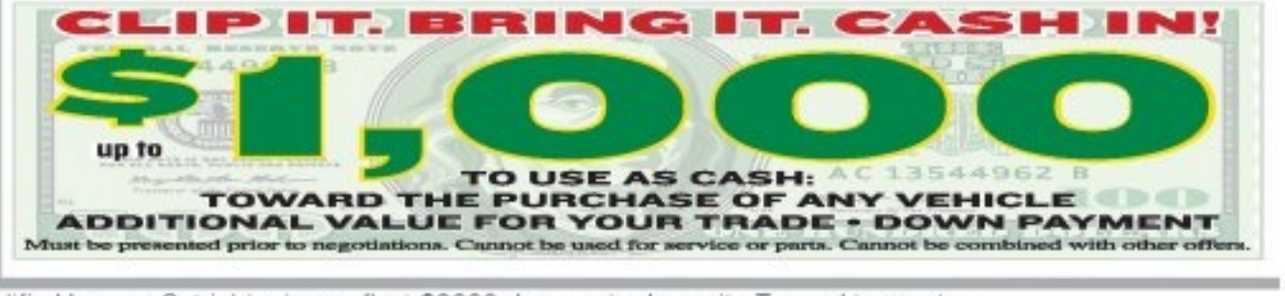
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How will the Eagles replace Herremans on offensive line?

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The Eagles finished 2014 without Todd Herremans. Now they have to figure out 2015, and beyond, without the player who suited up for 135 games at four positions along the offensive line.

The team cut Herremans Friday, leaving fellow 2005 draftee Trent Cole as the longest-tenured Eagle. They will save $2.8 million this season, but still lose $2.4 million against the cap in dead money.

The first candidates to replace Herremans are already on the roster.

Andrew Gardner started the last six games and may have the upper hand on the teammate he replaced, Matt Tobin. Tobin still saw action in 2014, mostly at left guard when Evan Mathis was injured.

After playing in 15 games in 2013, Allen Barbre was the top backup. He signed an extension and began the season at right tackle while Lane Johnson served his suspension. But Barbre suffered a high-ankle injury in the opener against Jacksonville that compounded the team's offensive line struggles and ended his season.

If the Eagles look to free agency, the good news is guards come cheaper than some positions the team has worried about lately. The highest earner from last year's free agent guard class is Rodger Saffold, who earns an average of $6.2 million each year after he re-signed with the Rams.

One player for Birds' fans to watch is Orlando Franklin. The 27-year-old has started all but one game since being drafted in 2011 by the Broncos. He has been a starter on Denver teams that led the NFL in both rushing (in 2011) and passing yards (2013.)

He offers size (6-foot-7, 320) and a versatility that will remind fans of Herremans. Franklin, like Saffold, started his career at tackle before moving to guard, a move that may make him eminently more affordable. The nine-highest-paid offensive linemen in the NFL are tackles.

The draft should be a priority given the age of the current line. The top prospects should be off the board by the time the Eagles pick at 20, but they have other fish to fry there anyway.

When the second and third day of the draft arrive, several more possibilities open up. A couple involve switching college tackles over to guard.

Oregon's Jake Fisher had a standout combine. He's got height (6-foot-6) and like other Eagles linemen is a former tight end. A bonus: Chip Kelly knows he can function in a high-paced offense.

One of the darlings of the draft process this year has been Hobart tackle Ali Marpet. After surprising many with his play in the Senior Bowl, Marpet wowed at the combine, turning in the fastest 40-yard dash (4.98 seconds) among linemen and finishing second (to Fisher) in the three cone drill and shuttle run.

It should be said that it will be as difficult to replace Herremans off the field as on it. He will be remembered for his willingness to play wherever he was needed, and as the one constant in Philadelphia whose career spanned two dominant offensive lines.

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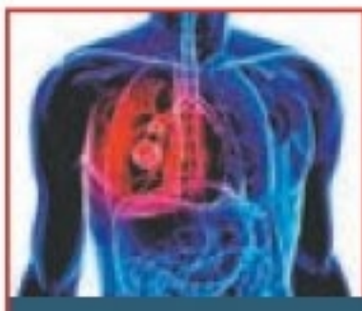

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